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- The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that it would host Operation PANEX '07, a joint federal-state exercise to strengthen contingency plans for an influenza pandemic. The participants will involve key federal agencies including the Departments of Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, and Defense in partnership with their counterparts in the six New England states. (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *December 12, Bloomberg News* – (Northeast) **Exxon to put floating gas plant off N.J. coast.** Exxon Mobil plans to build a floating liquefied-natural-gas plant off the New Jersey coast to import enough fuel to supply 5 million homes. The facility, to be known as BlueOcean Energy, will cost more than \$1 billion and will begin operating in about 2015, Exxon Mobil said yesterday in a statement. Demand for gas is rising as governments around the world crack down on greenhouse-gas emissions from coal-burning electricity plants. U.S. gas prices have more than tripled since the 1990s as

consumption climbed faster than production, prompting energy companies to increase access to more LNG imports. “BlueOcean Energy will provide significant economic benefits to New Jersey and New York and will help the region achieve its environmental objectives,” the vice president of Exxon Mobil’s global LNG business, said in a statement. The BlueOcean terminal, to sit 20 miles offshore, will be far enough away to be out of sight of coastal residents, Exxon Mobil said. The facility, which will include a plant to vaporize the liquid cargoes, will be clear of shipping lanes and ports, Exxon Mobil said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/12/11/AR2007121102181.html>

2. *December 12, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Utility crews making a dent in power outage numbers.** Getting the power back on is a top priority for thousands of utility crews, which have converged on Oklahoma. Many electric customers across northeast Oklahoma have been in the dark since Sunday when freezing rain began to fall and it could be several more days before some of them get their power restored. Oklahoma Gas & Electric reports it has 207,183 outages. The Public Service Company of Oklahoma has 196,835 customers without power; just fewer than 180,000 of those customers are in the Tulsa metro area. Elsewhere, Northeast Electric Cooperative is working to get 9,700 customers turned on. East Central Electric Cooperative has almost 9,700 customers in the dark. Seven-thousand customers in Verdigris Valley Electric’s coverage area are off line and 3,500 Indian Electric customers are without electricity.

Source: <http://www.kotv.com/news/local/story/?id=141404>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *December 12, Daily Collegian* – (Massachusetts) **University of Massachusetts establishes new chemical tracking program and facility.** The University of Massachusetts opened a new chemical tracking program and facility Thursday in hopes of better regulation of the chemicals used on campus. The Chemical Environmental Management System (CEMS) and laboratory seeks to improve laboratory programs and provide important safety and response information. The department of environmental health and safety (EHS) has managed the CEMS and expects the new chemical programs to improve the use and control of chemicals on campus. According to the EHS, the new programs and laboratories are expected to result in drastic reduction of unnecessary chemical purchases in addition to improved overall control of the chemicals used on campus. The EHS also plans to develop more efficient disposal methods for the chemicals on campus and enhanced information for emergency response. The CEMS program will also fulfill new federal anti-terrorism laws that require universities and colleges to keep an inventory of specific chemicals to submit online to a federal database.

Source:

<http://media.www.dailycollegian.com/media/storage/paper874/news/2007/12/12/News/Umass.Establishes.New.Chemical.Tracking.Program.And.Facility-3142389.shtml>

4. *December 11, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **30 workers evacuated after chemical spill in Bridgeview.** A spill Tuesday afternoon at a chemical plant in southwest suburban Bridgeview, Illinois, sparked a massive cleanup, but caused no injuries. Firefighters responded to a call at a chemical wholesaler just before 2 p.m. Firefighters evacuated 30 employees from the building and discovered the source of the spill: four 55-gallon drums of hydroxylamine sulfate, a mild corrosive that can be dangerous if inhaled. The cleanup occupied firefighters for nine hours, and company personnel even longer, but no employees or firefighters were injured.
Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-bridgeview_webdec12.1.3158673.story?track=rss

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *December 12, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Duke Energy moves ahead with plans for new nuclear plant.** Duke Energy has asked regulators in South Carolina to approve its decision to spend up to \$230 million developing a new nuclear power plant. The company has said it is leaning toward building the new power plant near Gaffney, but says in its filing with the South Carolina Public Service Commission that a final decision where to build the power plant has not been made. In the filing, Duke Energy says the money is needed to make sure opening the nuclear power plant remains an option for the next decade. The filing did not give an indication of when the utility will make a final decision on whether to build the plant or where it might be located.
Source: <http://www.charlotte.com/205/story/401567.html>
6. *December 12, Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Pilgrim nuclear plant shut down for replacement of faulty valve.** The Pilgrim nuclear power plant has been shut down while technicians replace a faulty safety valve. Plant officials said the plant will be powered back up again soon; they would not say precisely when. A spokesman said the shutdown, which began at 3 p.m. Monday, would last less than a week. Plant operators had been monitoring the valve, which is designed to allow radioactive steam from the reactor to escape into a containment vessel if pressure in the reactor gets too high. The spokesman said technicians had thought the valve would not have to be replaced until the summer, but they decided to replace it when it started deteriorating more quickly than expected. Because the valve is between the reactor and the containment vessel, the plant had to be powered down and allowed to cool.
Source: <http://ledger.southofboston.com/articles/2007/12/12/news/news13.txt>
7. *December 12, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Computer simulates nuclear reactors.** The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) in southeast Idaho has opened a high-speed computing center to simulate the operation of nuclear reactors. “Think of this as a new laboratory, because that’s what it is,” the INL Director told the Post Register. The INL on Monday dedicated the \$10 million center that includes a main computer called “Icestorm.” The supercomputer can run three-dimensional simulations to show how nuclear reactors might operate under certain conditions. It has data collected from reactors all over the world. Icestorm can make as many calculations in one day as a home computer can

make in five years, officials said, and has three times the computing power of the computer it replaces. The principal deputy assistant secretary for the Department of Energy said the computer, combined with the Advanced Test Reactor at INL and \$15 million in equipment for the examination of materials that have been irradiated, allows the laboratory to conduct experiments faster and more thoroughly.

Source:

<http://www.casperstartribune.net/articles/2007/12/12/news/regional/dd88cf99d992af4c872573ae0071fb88.txt>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *December 12, Northland News Center* – (Minnesota) **New scam offers businesses chance to have companies listed in yellow pages.** The Better Business Bureau of Minnesota is issuing a warning to businesses to be aware of a Northland scam involving “directory listings.” The BBB says complaints are being filed across the U.S., claiming a business with a Duluth address is offering other businesses a chance to have their company listed in a ‘yellow-pages’-style directory for a “fee.” In many cases, that fee has been paid in vain, as the BBB believes the directory does not actually exist. An address for suspect company is a P.O. Box at an area UPS store.

Source: <http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/12414071.html>

9. *December 11, Demopolis Times* – (Alabama) **New tax scam targets West Alabama counties.** Last week, the Internal Revenue Service issued a warning about a tax scam targeting those on social security retirement or social security disability in West Alabama. According to a media specialist for the IRS, Choctaw, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter, and Washington counties have all had instances of this new scam. Other counties, which might also be effected, are Butler, Clarke, Dallas, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Marengo, Perry, Tuscaloosa, and Wilcox. The IRS first received word of a possible scam when individuals and banks reported a large quantity of checks being cashed, which sent up the red flag for a scam. The way this scam usually works is a scam artist will offer to prepare their tax returns for free, reporting part or all of your Social Security benefits as taxable income. They may falsely claim some percentage of the benefits as tax withholding or claim the Earned Income Tax Credit, thereby generating a refund. Then scammers often prepare as many as three years worth of false refund claims per person or couple. The victim then files the fraudulent tax returns and may even erroneously receive a refund from the IRS. However, even if the IRS issues the requested refund, the agency will demand the money back with interest and perhaps a penalty. By that time, the scam artist has moved on and the victim is out the fees they paid to prepare the false returns.

Source: <http://www.demopolistimes.com/articles/2007/12/12/news/news9521.txt>

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Transportation Sector

10. *December 12, NY1* – (New York) **FAA officials say JFK planes were not close to colliding.** The Federal Aviation Administration says two planes were never at risk of actually colliding at JFK Sunday, after critics described the incident as a ‘near-miss.’ An FAA spokesman said yesterday that investigators have reviewed radar information and other data and concluded the planes were never in any danger. Air traffic controllers say it was an unnecessary risk that two planes were cleared to land at the same time on perpendicular runways. The pilot of a commuter jet decided not to land at the last second, fearing he was too close to a 747 cargo plane. The National Air Traffic Controllers Association and a New York senator are calling for all New York airports to immediately install advanced anti-collision tracking systems. The FAA says that system will be installed at JFK next August.

Source: <http://www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?std=1&aid=76487>

11. *December 12, Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **New screening machine sees your carry-on in 3-D.** A pilot program featuring a carry-on-baggage screening machine called the Analogic COBRA will go on line Saturday at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport’s Terminal D north security checkpoint. The Automatic Explosive Detection System, or Auto-EDS, creates three-dimensional representations of a bag’s contents using technology similar to medical CT scans and does not require the contents to be removed. It also features an automated bin return system.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/news/story/355300.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

12. *December 11, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **GAO to USPS: Address database errors.** The USPS developed the U.S. Postal Service’s Facilities Database (FDB) in 2003 to capture and maintain data on the agency’s 34,000 facilities nationwide, but five years later, the database is still so riddled with errors that major components within USPS will not even use it, according to a Government Accountability Office report released December 10. Auditors found that the system has duplicate entries, multiple facility entries with the same function at the same address, and inconsistent data on square footage and building ownership. The errors were caused by inaccurate data in primary USPS systems — the Address Management and the Facility Management systems — that feed into the database, incorrect links to data from primary sources or mistakes made by local employees when entering data. Furthermore, the database does not contain fields for performance measures recommended by the Federal Real Property Council and does not track trends, the GAO said. USPS said it plans to improve the FDB’s reliability rather than scrap the database and agreed to establish additional controls to improve its reliability and usefulness.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/online/news/151053-1.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *December 12, Associated Press* – (National) **USDA seeks potato pest in Nebraska, 7 other states.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture is worried that seed potato shipments from Canada to eight states might have been carrying the golden potato cyst nematodes, microscopic, wormlike pests that attack potato plants. The nematodes feed at the roots of potato plants and can reduce crop production by 80 percent. The department has banned additional shipments into the U.S. and plans to search for the nematode in fields in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, North Dakota, Colorado, Maine, and Nebraska. U.S. officials are concerned that discovery of the golden nematode in any of the eight states could lead to some countries banning U.S. potatoes, which happened in 2006 with the discovery of the similar pale potato cyst nematode in Idaho.

Source: <http://www.columbustelegram.com/articles/2007/12/12/ap-state-ne/d8ft1mol.txt>

14. *December 12, Arizona Republic* – (National) **Arizona health officials track salmonella flare-up.** State health officials are investigating a food-poisoning outbreak that has sickened 14 people in Arizona. The top epidemiologist for the Arizona Department of Health Services said seven of those ill in Arizona had to be hospitalized after becoming infected with salmonella. He said other states - California, Idaho and Nevada - also reported infections from the same strain. He said the outbreak this fall in Arizona has been surprising because so many of the people infected in Arizona had to be hospitalized and because the rod-shaped germ has resisted some antibiotics. Arizona experts believe the outbreak stemmed from an undetermined product sold by a chain store. However, they are not certain which food carried the germ or whether it is still being sold.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/1212B1-Salmonella1212.html>

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Water Sector

15. *December 11, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Sewage spill dumps 40,000 gallons into Loch Raven Reservoir feeder.** An estimated 40,000 gallons of sewage overflowed from a broken line in Timonium, Maryland, before it was repaired late Sunday, according to county officials. The break in the 12-inch sewer line was detected about 9 a.m. Sunday and was repaired by that night, according to Baltimore County officials. The county's Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has posted signs advising residents to avoid contact with the waters of Merryman Branch, a tributary of Loch Raven Reservoir. A county public works spokesman said that drinking water from the reservoir should not be affected by the sewage overflow because the water is treated. Officials suspect that the sewer line broke because of shifting soils in

the area.

Source: http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/baltimore_county/bal-sewage1211,0,6312536.story

16. *December 11, Daily Pilot* – (California) **Parts of Newport Harbor closed after sewage spill.** In California, environmental health officials have closed a number of areas along Orange County's coastline, including a portion of Newport Harbor, due to a sewage spill. The spill was caused by a line break at a private vessel pump-out station, according to a news release from the Orange County Health Care Agency. Other beaches had warnings of unhealthy water conditions. Long-term effects are expected in Newport Harbor due to urban runoff from the storms this past weekend. In other areas the bacteria levels near storm drains may become toxic due to the runoff from the Santiago Canyon fire in October. Beach visitors are strongly advised to avoid contact with bay water in those areas, officials said.

Source: <http://www.dailypilot.com/articles/2007/12/12/publicsafety/dpt-harborclosures11.txt>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

17. *December 12, Associated Press* – (International) **China launches drug recall system.** China launched a nationwide recall system Wednesday that shifts responsibility to companies to recall harmful drugs, a day after U.S. and Chinese officials signed an agreement on the safety of medicine and medical devices. The recall plan will place Chinese-made drugs and imported drugs in three classes according to their possible danger to people's health, a State Food and Drug Administration official said at a news conference. Each will have to be recalled within different timeframes, ranging from 24 hours for the most serious drugs, to 72 hours for those deemed less life-threatening. The global pharmaceutical industry increasingly uses drugs either made or containing ingredients sourced in China. That has put more attention on China to restore confidence in its manufacturing capabilities after a series of products were found to contain poisonous substances earlier in the summer. The agreement covers 10 exports to the U.S., and eight products the Chinese want to import. This is just a sliver of China's health-related exports to the U.S. but the list may be expanded, China's State Food and Drug Administration Deputy Director said.

Source:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5joaNLMzx92DLMMPf57gAJTkG94QD8TFT1C80>

18. *December 11, Reuters* – (National) **Glaxo diabetes drug raises heart risk in study.** Another study has found evidence that certain diabetes drugs, especially Avandia, can cause heart attacks and death, but the company said the findings did not make scientific sense. The Canadian researchers said older patients treated with the drugs, known as thiazolidinediones, TZDs, or glitazones, had a significantly higher rate of death, heart attack and congestive heart failure and death. The medical records of 159,026 people aged 66 and older who were treated with diabetes pills for a median of 3.8 years through

March 2006 showed a 60 percent increased risk of congestive heart failure, a 40 percent higher risk of heart attack, and a 29 percent higher risk of overall death among the patients who were taking Avandia alone. Glaxo said the study had “significant limitations and generates misleading conclusions.”

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/health-SP/idUSN1155319720071212?sp=true>

Government Facilities Sector

19. *December 12, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Fort Dix attack plot suspects promoting terror in jail.** Federal authorities say one of the men accused of planning an attack on soldiers at the Fort Dix army base gave another inmate in a federal detention center an Al Qaeda recruitment video and another wrote a note referring to the fight “we weren’t able to finish.” The five men — all foreign-born Muslims in their 20s — were arrested in May and charged with conspiring to kill uniformed military personnel. Authorities said they planned to sneak onto Fort Dix, a base in New Jersey used primarily to train reservists for duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. A sixth man later pleaded guilty to providing weapons to some of the five charged in the alleged conspiracy. There was no attack, however. The five suspects include three ethnic Albanians from the former Yugoslavia, a Jordanian, and a Turk. A hearing on the men’s bail motion is scheduled for December 20.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,316514,00.html>

20. *December 12, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Hunters cause lockdown of five Walton County schools.** Five schools were on lockdown in Walton County after officials noticed suspicious people in an area outside a school. Officials said two students who went hunting nearby caused the lockdown. The two Monroe Area High School students were hunting before class early Wednesday morning when someone driving by saw the students with a shotgun and called police. The schools have been reopened.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/14831026/detail.html>

21. *December 12, Journal News* – (New York) **Hastings High opens late after second bomb scare.** For the second time in two days, Hastings High School in New York has been the subject of a bomb scare. Shortly after 8 a.m. on Wednesday police said the school has been evacuated. There was no estimate on when students and staff would be allowed to return. The incident was still being investigated, police said. As of 8:15 a.m. police were not able to tell if the circumstances of the threat today were similar to the one received yesterday by the school. No one at the school could be reached

Source:

<http://www.thejournalnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071212/NEWS02/712120418/1018/NEWS02>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *December 12, Daily Sentinel* – (Alabama) **Improving emergency response.** The Scottsboro, Alabama, City Council is looking at mandating all homes and businesses be properly identified for emergency purposes. The City Council president formed a committee at Monday evening's regularly scheduled meeting to study the matter. "The committee will give us the best idea where we need to put the identification numbers," he said, adding that many businesses and residences are not identified and "that several times emergency personnel simply can't find a place."
Source: <http://www.thedailysentinel.com/story.lasso?ewcd=331c8249d58c90ba>
23. *December 11, FEMA* – (New England) **FEMA to host joint influenza pandemic exercise.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be hosting Operation PANEX '07, a joint federal-state exercise to strengthen contingency plans for an influenza pandemic. PANEX '07 is the first functional exercise of its type in the U.S. designed to determine best practices for a coordinated multi-agency response to an outbreak. The participants will involve key federal agencies including the Departments of Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, and Defense in partnership with their counterparts in the six New England states. The operation is part of an ongoing development opportunity to exercise established procedures and coordinated plans of action for disseminating public information and resource allocation. State Emergency Operations Centers will be activated and participating federal agencies will work with state and local health officials and emergency managers to respond to the simulated event.
Source: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=41901>

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Information Technology

24. *December 12, IDG News Service* – (National) **US-CERT: Attackers targeting Microsoft Access files.** Online criminals are exploiting a flaw in the Microsoft Office Access database to install unauthorized software on computers, the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) warned in a brief warning on Monday. US-CERT offered few details on the attack, saying simply that the organization is "aware of active exploitation" of the problem by criminals who have sent specially crafted Microsoft Access Database (.mdb) files to victims. These files are "designed for the sole purpose of executing commands," so they should not be accepted from un-trusted sources, Microsoft said in a note on its Web site. The senior manager for Symantec Corp.'s security response expressed surprise at the attacks as .mdb files "are not something that the average user would come across on a daily basis..." and they "are blocked by default in most installations of Internet Explorer and Outlook Express."
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9052538&source=rss_topic17
25. *December 12, Register* – (National) **Three critical fixes star in patch Tuesday.** Three of the seven patches Microsoft released on Tuesday were rated "critical," which is the highest ranking Microsoft uses. These patches were meant to fix flaws in handling

streaming media by Microsoft DirectX, bugs in Windows Media Format Runtime, and multiple vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer, all of which pose a severe risk. In all three cases, the vulnerabilities addressed by the update create a possible means for hackers and cyber-criminals to smuggle malware onto, or otherwise attack, vulnerable computers. Hackers are actively exploiting one of the flaws in IE to attack vulnerable machines, the SANS Institute's Internet Storm Centre warns. The remaining four "important" updates address a number of flaws, including some in Windows Vista and a security bug in DRM software from Macrovision that comes bundled with Windows. In November, Macrovision issued a patch to address flaws in its SafeDisk utility that have become the target of various attacks by crackers.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/12/12/dec_black_tuesday_update/

26. *December 12, Guardmycreditfile.org* – (Ohio) **Ohio gets the message on data breaches.** After announcing in September that a computer tape containing information on approximately 85,000 current and former state employees and another 47,000 tax payers had been stolen from a car, the State of Ohio has signed a contract with McAfee for 60,000 licenses of its Safe Boot encryption program. The Ohio breach occurred when a back-up computer tape was stolen out of a car that belonged to an employee of the state. That employee, an intern, was specifically tasked with transporting the tape, which contained names, Social Security numbers, and other identifying information on 64,467 state employees, 19,388 former employees, and another 47,245 tax payers. It was completely unencrypted, meaning the data would be easily accessible. The tape's loss is expected to cost the state around \$3 million in direct costs. The state will start using the new software early next year.

Source:

http://www.guardmycreditfile.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=941&Itemid=138

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

27. *December 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Young, poor prefer cell phones.** More than one in eight households have cell phones but lack traditional, landline telephones, according to a federal study released Monday that tracks the country's growing dependence on wireless phones. The data, reported twice a year, suggested that the number of households relying solely on cell phones may be growing more slowly than it had in the past. But the researchers said the slowdown might be due to changes in their survey, including altering the order of some questions and some of the wording. The growth of families reachable only by cell phone has been of special interest to the

telephone industry, providers of 911 emergency services, and public and private polling organizations. The federal data showed once again that young, poor, male, and Hispanic people are likelier to have only wireless telephone service.

Source:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5gdmC4QL0ggIxS2sopb2IU9Y0DBgQD8TEODH00>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *December 12, Tribune Chronicle* – (Ohio) **Agencies monitor air quality; officials consider evacuations.** A fire that broke out about 4:40 p.m. Monday at InterGroup International Ltd., in Champion, Ohio, has caused more than \$1 million in damages, according to Champion's fire chief. The Ohio State fire marshal is investigating the cause of the blaze, which destroyed a 42,000 square-foot storage facility. On Tuesday, smoke was still coming from the facility and Champion's Fire Department was working with the Trumbull County and Northeast Ohio Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) teams as well as the Ohio and U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies to monitor air quality around the smoke plume. The agencies originally decided to let the fire extinguish itself because it cannot be put out with water due to the high oxygen levels created by the burning plastics. However, a Champion firefighter said Tuesday night that new calculations by the EPA showed the fire could continue burning for three weeks, so a contractor was being brought in to smother the fire instead. On Tuesday evening the fire department began warning residents they may have to evacuate if conditions did not improve.

Source: <http://www.tribune-chronicle.com/News/articles.asp?articleID=25809>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

Nothing to report.

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Dams Sector

29. *December 12, Belleville News-Democrat* – (Illinois; Missouri) **Work begins on Chain of Rocks levee berms.** Work has started on another phase of large berms of sand and dirt designed to improve the Chain of Rocks Canal levee. The goal of the \$46.4 million project is to make the levee, owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, capable of withstanding a 500-year flood. When new FEMA maps come out in March, they are expected to show that the Chain of Rocks levee system and four other metro-east levee systems do not meet the new standards for whether a levee is capable of withstanding a 100-year flood. The corps has been adding berms at the Chain of Rocks levee for the past couple of years, and at the current level of federal funding, the work is expected to

continue another five years. The project also includes adding relief wells, which allow water to get out from below the levee without causing erosion, and a new water-pumping station. In the current phase of work, an 18-acre berm of sand and dirt is being built along the east side of the Chain of Rocks Canal levee, north of Interstate 270.

Source: <http://www.bnd.com/news/local/story/201357.html>

30. *December 11, Daily Astorian* – (Oregon) **Mudslide closes Highway 30 after dam breaks.** A mudslide closed U.S. Highway 30 after a cracked dam broke open above Woodson in Columbia County. Earlier Tuesday, the Oregon Department of Forestry requested that ODOT close the highway because of the potential for a slide in this area at Eilertsen Creek.

Source:

<http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=398&ArticleID=47478&TM=24384.42>

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